ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

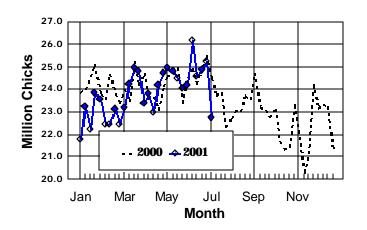
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 22.8 million during the week ending July 14, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and 10 percent below the previous week, and included 1.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through July 14, 2001 were 668.1 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.0 million, slightly below the corresponding week a year earlier, and 2 percent below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.1 percent.

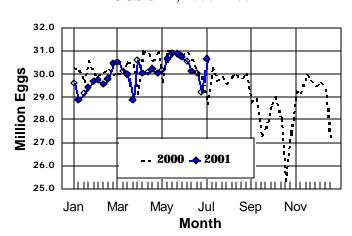
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 14, 2001, 1 percent above the same period last year, and 5 percent above the previous week.

	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICK	KS HATCI	HED	EGGS SET			
Week Ending	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	
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Jun. 9	24,940	24,206	97	25,443	25,523	100	30,943	30,740	99	
Jun. 16	24,286	26,194	108	25,754	25,758	100	30,644	30,578	100	
Jun. 23	25,775	24,594	95	25,747	25,738	100	30,043	30,126	100	
Jun. 30	25,510	24,872	98	25,970	25,620	99	29,920	30,055	100	
Jul. 7	24,510	25,271	103	25,693	25,454	99	28,673	29,204	102	
Jul. 14	23,772	22,778	96	25,140	25,030	100	30,353	30,644	101	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)							CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)					
		Week Endi	ng		1/			Week Endi	ng			1/
STATE	23 - Jun	30 - Jun	07-Jul	14-Jul	%	09-Jun	16-Jun	23 - Jun	30 - Jun	07 - Jul	14-Jul	%
Alabama	28,718 *	29,544 *	28,691 *	28,619	100	22,512	22,394	22,953	22,473	22,714 *	21,629	105
ARKANSAS	30,126	30,055	29,204	30,644	101	24,206	26,194	24,594	24,872	25,271	22,778	96
Delaware	3,450	3,137	3,474	3,470	84	5,787	4,950	5,442	4,607	4,325	4,611	84
Florida	2,246	2,297	2,424 *	2,201	77	2,451	2,486	2,199	2,417	2,527	2,276	95
Georgia	30,685 *	32,080	30,949 *	31,833	107	25,358	25,797	26,352	25,573	26,322 *	24,308	103
Maryland	8,914	8,885	8,832	8,822	104	5,025	5,613	5,131	5,229	5,886 *	5,668	96
Mississippi	18,500	18,500	18,792	18,830	105	15,918	15,950	15,800	15,713	15,477	15,449	107
N. Carolina	17,751 *	16,781	17,127	16,757	97	14,226	14,243	14,596	14,817	13,534	13,950	98
Pennsylvania	3,881	3,711 *	3,790 *	3,974	110	2,769	2,642	2,595	2,727 *	2,691 *	2,739	96
S. Carolina	4,702	4,966	5,004 *	4,903	101	4,296	4,475	3,746	4,139	3,863	4,251	103
Texas	14,837 *	13,177	14,784	14,364	107	12,068	12,124	11,858	11,797	11,845	11,878	103
Virginia	6,506	6,113	6,504	6,519	101	5,541	5,353	5,539	6,072	5,949	5,432	99
$C\ A\ T\ N\ \&\ W\ V\ A$	11,478	11,077	11,169 *	11,386	103	10,827	11,009	9,790	10,079	10,369 *	10,443	104
Total 2001	181,794 *	180,323 *	180,744 *	182,322		150,984	153,230	150,595	150,515 *	150,773 *	145,412	
Total 2000	180,334	174,933	175,495	178,837		148,957	148,434	150,449	149,938	147,115	144,530	
% PREV. YEAR	101	103	103	102		101	103	100	100	102	101	
APPROXIMATE M	ARKETING D	ATE 2001				28-Jul	04-Aug	11 - Aug	18 - Aug	25-Aug	01 - Sep	
* Revised .	1/ Curren	t week as pe	rcent of the	same weel	k last y	ear.						
* K e n t u c k y	5,572 *	5,190	5,794 *	5,429	****	4,019	4,550	4,572	4,224	4,543 *	4,268	****
*Oklahoma	6,105	5,731	5,724	6,076	* * * *	4,897	4,293	4,987	5,099	4,086	5,563	****
* L A & M O	8,241	8,563	8,615	8,731	* * * *	9,669	9,472	8,431	8,264	9,113 *	8,099	* * * *
19 StateTotal	201,712 *	199,807 *	200,877 *	202,558		169,569	171,545	168,585	168,102 *	168,515 *	163,342	

^{*} Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 2 PRECENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 182 million eggs during the week ending July 14, 2001. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 14, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through July 14, 2001 were 4.13 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.